Appointment of Officers in Electronics Design and Technology Centre Aurangabad

*198. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some retired officers including those facing disciplinary action were recently appointed in the Electronics Design and Technology Centre at Aurganabad;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether their pay and other allowances are regulated according to Government rules or they are paid otherwise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF M. G. K. MENON): (a) No appointment has been made during the last one year.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Development of Computer Technology for Indian Languages/Office work etc.

*199. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been formulated by the Department of Electronics to develop computer technology which can be used in Indian languages for class-room teaching, translation, and office-work;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof in terms of budget, targets, achievements, and personnel stating the qualifications and experience of each one of them; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, by when Government propose to formulate such a scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Department of Electronics has drawn up a programme, namely, Technology Deveolpment for Indian Languages (TDIL) for implementation during the Eighth Plan. The main targets and expected achievements of this programme include: development of authoring system; language learning systems, especially for slow learners, and those with speech and hearing impairments; Limited domain computer assisted translation system; human-machine interface systems such as shorthand and character recognition system; multilingual information display system; limited vocabulary speech input-output systems etc.

The programme coordination will be done by a core group within the Department of Electronics. An amount of Rs. 17 crores is estimated for this programme during the 8th Plan but this is yet to be finalised.

(c) Does not arise.

जबलपुर में रक्षा इकाइयों के लिये सहायक उद्योगों का विकास

*200. **श्री अजीत जोगी** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने अक्तूबर, 1978 और अप्रैल, 1979 में सरकार द्वारा मध्य प्रदेश में जबलपुर में तथा उसके आस-पास स्थित रक्षा इकाइयों को वहां पर सहायक उद्योगों का योजनाबद्ध विकास करने के निर्देश जारी किए थे ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और क्या वहां इसके परिणामस्वरूप सहायक उद्योगों का विकास हुआ है ; और

(ग) यदि भाग (ख) का उत्तर "ना" हो तो सरकार ने उनके विरुद्ध क्या